# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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FLIGHT SAFETY RECORD OF SERVICES
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a series of air crashes this year involving aircraft and helicopters of the armed forces has put a severe strain on the flight safety record of the services;

(b) if so, the details of the crashes that took place across the country; and

(c) the action being taken by the Ministry to improve the flight safety record?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) There is no strain on the flight safety record of the Services, keeping in view the quantum of flying effort achieved and operational risks associated with military flying operations.

(b) A total number of 7 aircraft and 1 helicopter of the Services have crashed during the current financial year i.e. from 1.4.2007 till 26.11.2007.

(c) A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Defence Forces to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgment and situational awareness of pilots are being pursued. Constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufactures (OEMs), both indigenous and foreign, is also maintained to overcome the technical defects of aircraft. Besides, anti-bird hit measures are also undertaken.